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TAGS: SOPN, OVIP, (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: PRESS MATERIAL

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BEGIN TEXT: WASHINGTON INFORMED KOREAN SOURCES SAID TUES-
DAY SANG KEUN KIM, WHO IS OFFICIALLY LISTED AS A COUNSELOR
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U. S. POLITICAL ASYLUM.

STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMEN DECLINED IMMEDIATE COMMENT.

ACCORDING TO THE KOREAN SOURCES, KIM WAS THE PRINCIPAL CON-
TACT MAN FOR TONG SUN PARK, THE WASHINGTON-BASED SOUTH
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MONEY AND CASH INVOLVED IN REPORTED KOREAN EFFORTS TO

INFLUENCE U. S. CONGRESSMEN.

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HE HAD TOLD FRIENDS HE WAS SUPPOSED TO REPORT TO SEOUL BY MID-DECEMBER.

A STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL DECLINED COMMENT WHEN ASKED WHETHER KIM OR ANY OTHER SOUTH KOREAN HAD REQUESTED ASYLUM.

BUT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF PROTOCOL, WHICH HANDLES DIPLOMATIC ACCREDITATION SAID KIM HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE DIPLOMATIC LIST. END TEXT.

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